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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence ^{RL}

FROM :
National Intelligence Officer for Western Europe

SUBJECT : Student Violence in Italy and Turkey

1. Action Requested: None; for information only.

2. Summary: Attached are two short papers that we asked ORPA to prepare in response to the interest you expressed at your meeting with the NIOs on Monday. The Italian situation is more serious than the Turkish.

-- Italy. The latest wave of student unrest in Italy is particularly worrisome; it is bigger and better organized than in the past, and it comes at a time of rising political violence in general. Student grievances will not be redressed any time soon. With the PCI cooperating with Andreotti, many students conclude they have no real spokesman in the political arena, and their grievances run structurally deep. Widespread violence poses more danger than advantage to all members of the classe politica. This is why the Communists are working as hard as anyone to calm the students and prevent other outbreaks of violence.

-- Turkey. Student disorder in Turkey also differs in key respects from past unrest of this kind; it is less worrisome than in prior years, fewer students are involved, and they seem more preoccupied with fighting each other than with larger political issues. There is currently no significant urban terrorism or labor unrest. The Turks have a relatively high tolerance for student violence, and the military would step in only in the unlikely event the disorder becomes markedly worse.

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